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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1458

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB

SUBJECT: NEW AUTHENTICATING STAMP ON FLAG ORDERS

1. AS OF AUGUST 15, MP'S AT HELMSTEDT AND DREILINDEN CHECKPOINTS HAVE BEEN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO AFFIX NEW AUTHENTICATING STAMP TO FLAG ORDERS AT TIME US TRAVELLERS REPORT FOR AUTOBAHN TRANSIT BRIEFING. SOVIETS WERE NOTIFIED AT CHECKPOINT LEVEL AUGUST 14 THAT THIS NEW STAMP WOULD BE IN USE AS OF FOLLOWING DAY, AND WERE REQUESTED TO TURN BACK TO US CHECKPOINT ANY US TRAVELLER WHOSE FLAG ORDERS DID NOT BEAR AUTHENTICATING STAMP. PURPOSE OF NEW PROCEDURE IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONS TRAVELLING UNDER FLAG ORDERS UNDERGO REQUIRED PROCESSING AT US CHECKPOINTS, AND THEREBY ELIMINATE OR AT LEAST MINIMIZE INCIDENTS IN WHICH TRAVELLERS TAKE WRONG TURNS ON AUTOHAHN OR OTHERWISE INFRINGE UPON US REGULATIONS FOR AUTOBAHN USE. POSSIBLE SIDE-EFFECT MIGHT BE TO DETER

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TO SOME EXTENT MISUSE OF AUTOBAHN ACCESS RIGHTS FOR

EXFILTRATION ACTIVITIES. ALL FLAG ORDERS ISSUED  
ARE NOW ACCOMPANIED BY INFORMATION SHEET GIVING CLEAR  
INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHERE TO REPORT AT CHECKPOINTS FOR  
US PROCESSING.

2. WHEN APPROACHED AT CHECKPOINT LEVEL AUGUST 14,  
SOVIETS INDICATED THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD NEW PROCEDURE  
AND WOULD COOPERATE. PROOF OF THIS WAS ADDUCED AUGUST  
22, WHEN A TRAVELLER WHO HAD NEGLECTED TO PROCESS  
WAS TURNED BACK BY THE SOVIETS FOR NOT HAVING THE  
REQUIRED AUTHENTICATION STAMP IN HIS FLAG ORDERS.

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